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Brief Summary of Selected Substantive Portions of this Response

[0001] In a telephone discussion (on March 19, 2009), the Examiner indicated that the § 101 rejections would be withdrawn and the proposed amended claims distinguish from the cited references. Amendments are presented herein based on the discussion with the Examiner.

[0002] This brief summary is not intended to represent the Applicant's full response to the Action. Rather, it is merely a brief summary of selected substantive portions of the response herein.